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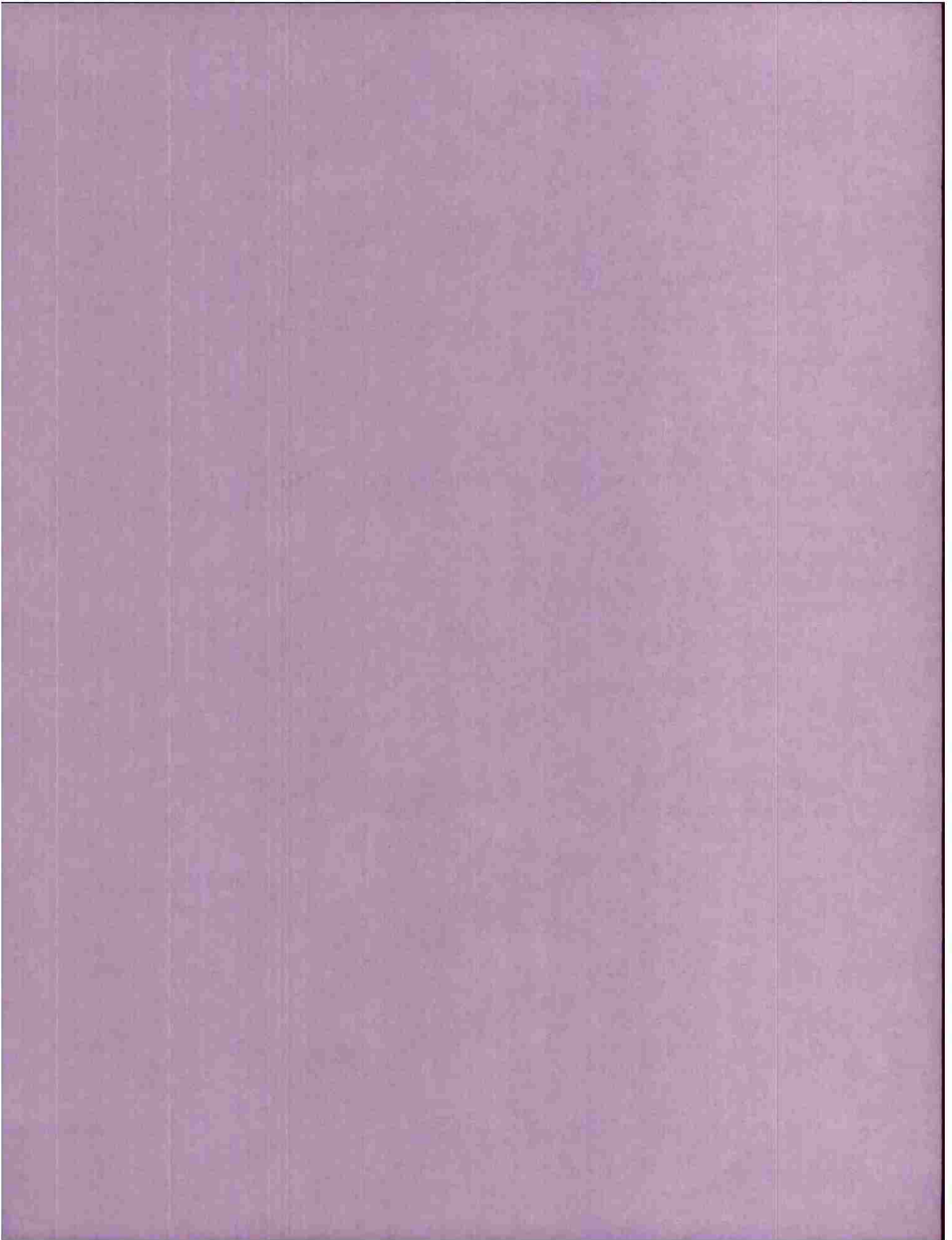
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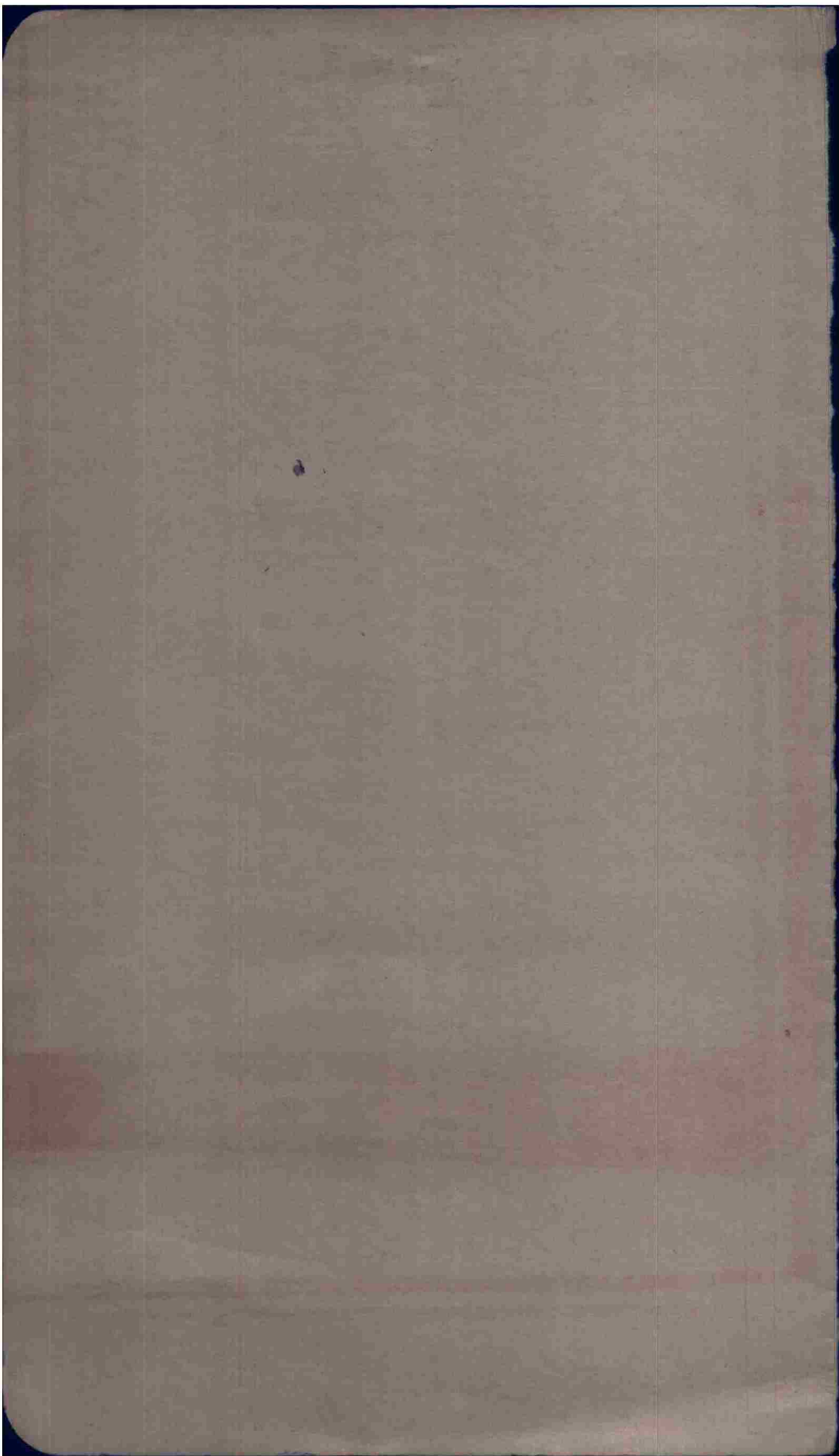
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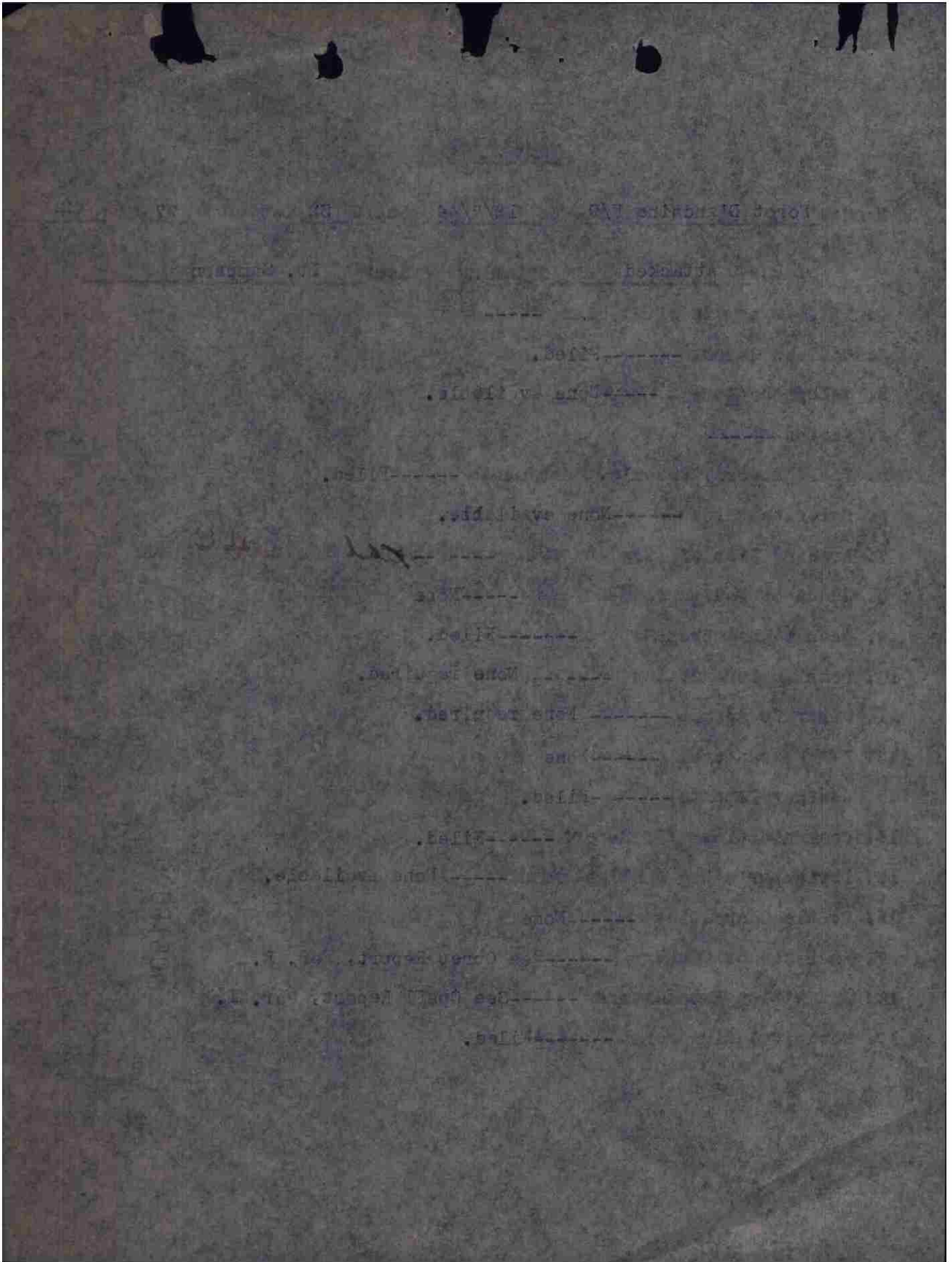
GENERAL INDEX

Target Foret D'Andaine F/D Date 12/7/44 NoA/O 32 Mission # 97 F/C 422

Status Attacked Briefing Officer Lt. Sampson.

1. IX BC Synopsis of Mission -----
2. Opflash Report -----Filed.
3. Telephone Report -----None available.
4. Photos ----- FILED.
5. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments -----Filed.
6. Briefing Notes -----None available.
7. Loading List of Airplane Crews ----- *Filed* **P.R.C.**
8. Chart of Route Flown - Flak -----None
9. Operations Oprep Report -----Filed.
10. Bombing Information ----- None required.
11. Aircraft Report ----- None required.
12. E/A Encountered -----None
13. Weather Reports ----- -Filed.
14. Communication "YS" Report -----Filed.
15. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan ----- None available.
16. Battle Casualties -----None
17. Analysis of Gunnery -----See Oprep Report, Par. E.
18. Ammunition Expenditure -----See OpsFl Report, Par. I.
19. Recapitulation Forms -----*1*Filed.

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

12/1259B

Y-219-D

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND
97TH COMBAT WINGATTN: A-2
ATTN: A-2

CONFIDENTIAL OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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BEXX

OPFLAER NO. 96 FOR 12 JULY 1944

- A. (1) FORET D'ANDAIN FUEL DUMP
(2) FORET D'ANDAIN FUEL DUMP
- B. (1) 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) 30 A-20'S AND 2 B-26 PFF A/C
(3) NONE
(4) 30 A 20'S AND 2 B-26'S ON PRIMARY
- C. (1) 0820
(2) 1011 1/2
(3) 1158
- D. NONE
- E. UNOBSERVED. BOMBED ON PATHFINDER TECHNIQUE
- F. (1) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
(2) (A) NIL
(B) NIL
- G. FROM 12,000 FEET SEEN THROUGH SMALL BREAKS IN CLOUDS 30 - 40
RAILROAD CARS AT 0953 HOURS AT 08289.
AT 0955 HOURS FROM 12,000 FEET 12 - 15 TRUCKS PARKED X ON SECONDARY
ROAD AT U1208.
- H. WEATHER THE THROUGHOUT : 10/10 LOW XXXX CLOUDS WITH XX TOPS
TO 6,000 FEET.
VISIBILITY ABOVE CLOUDS 10 XX MILES
- I. 141 X 500 GP'S ON PRIMARY BY 30 A-20'S
1 X 500 GP RETURNED
8 X 500 GP'S ON PRIMARY BY 2 B-26'S
- J. BOX 1 - 12,700
BOX 2 - 12,100

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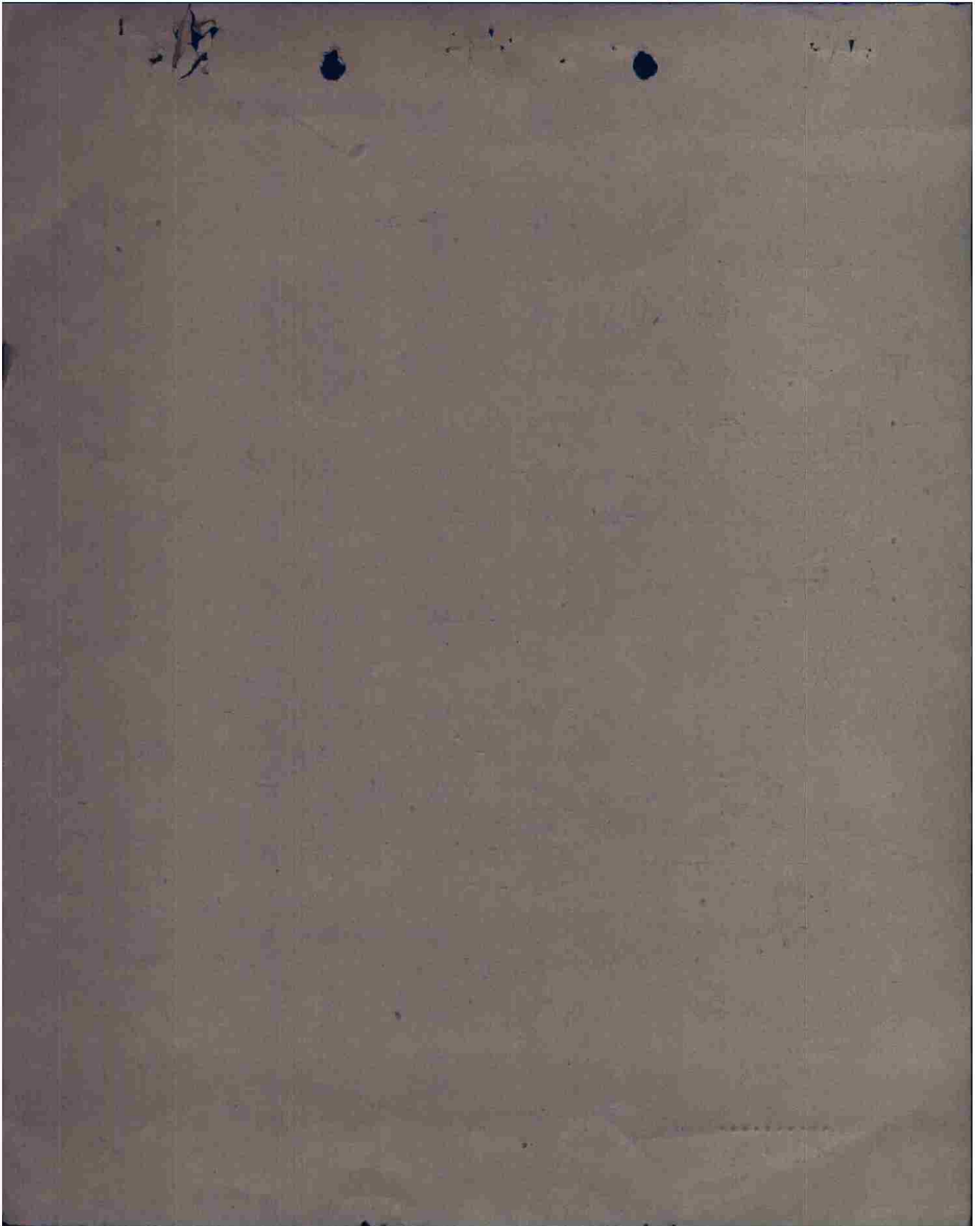
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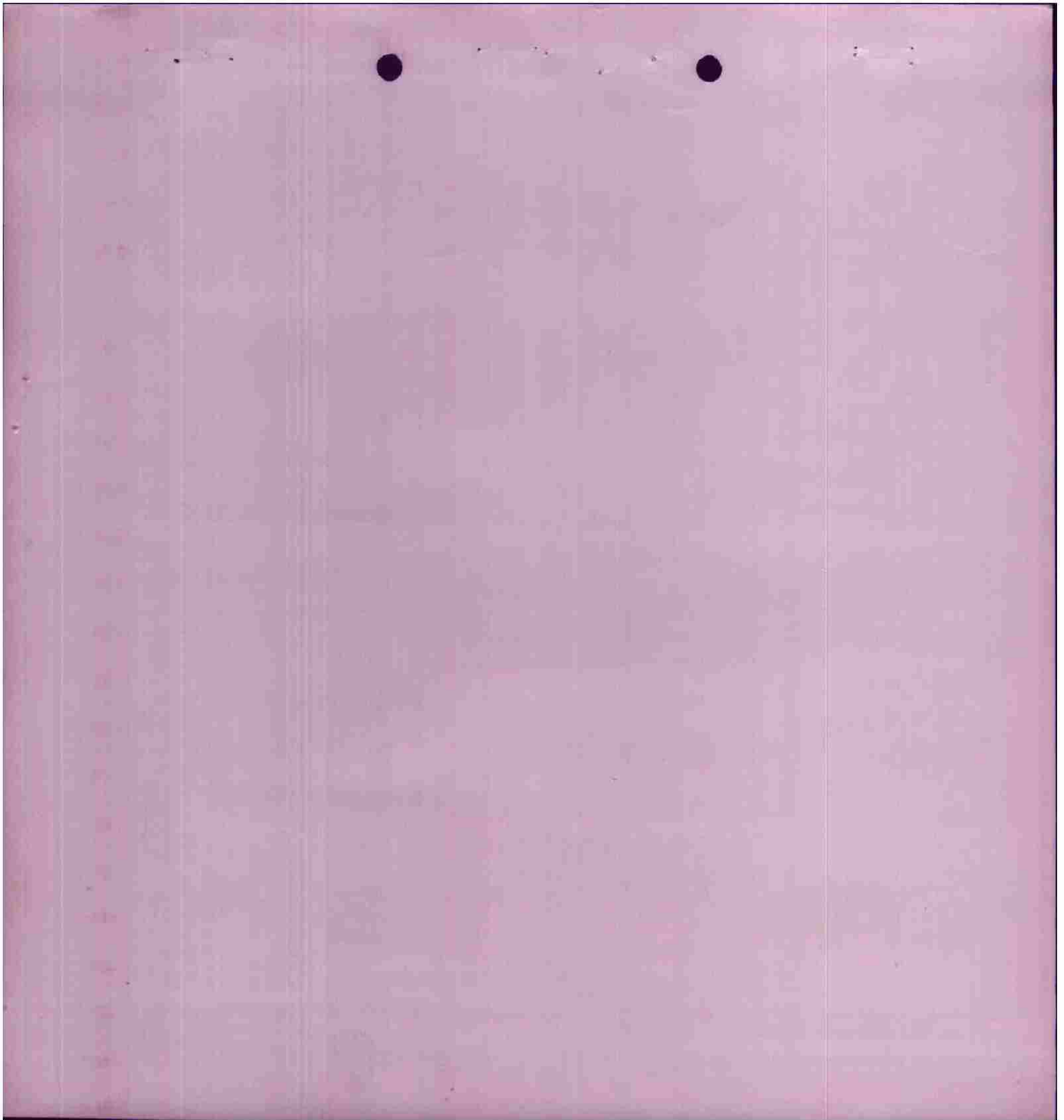
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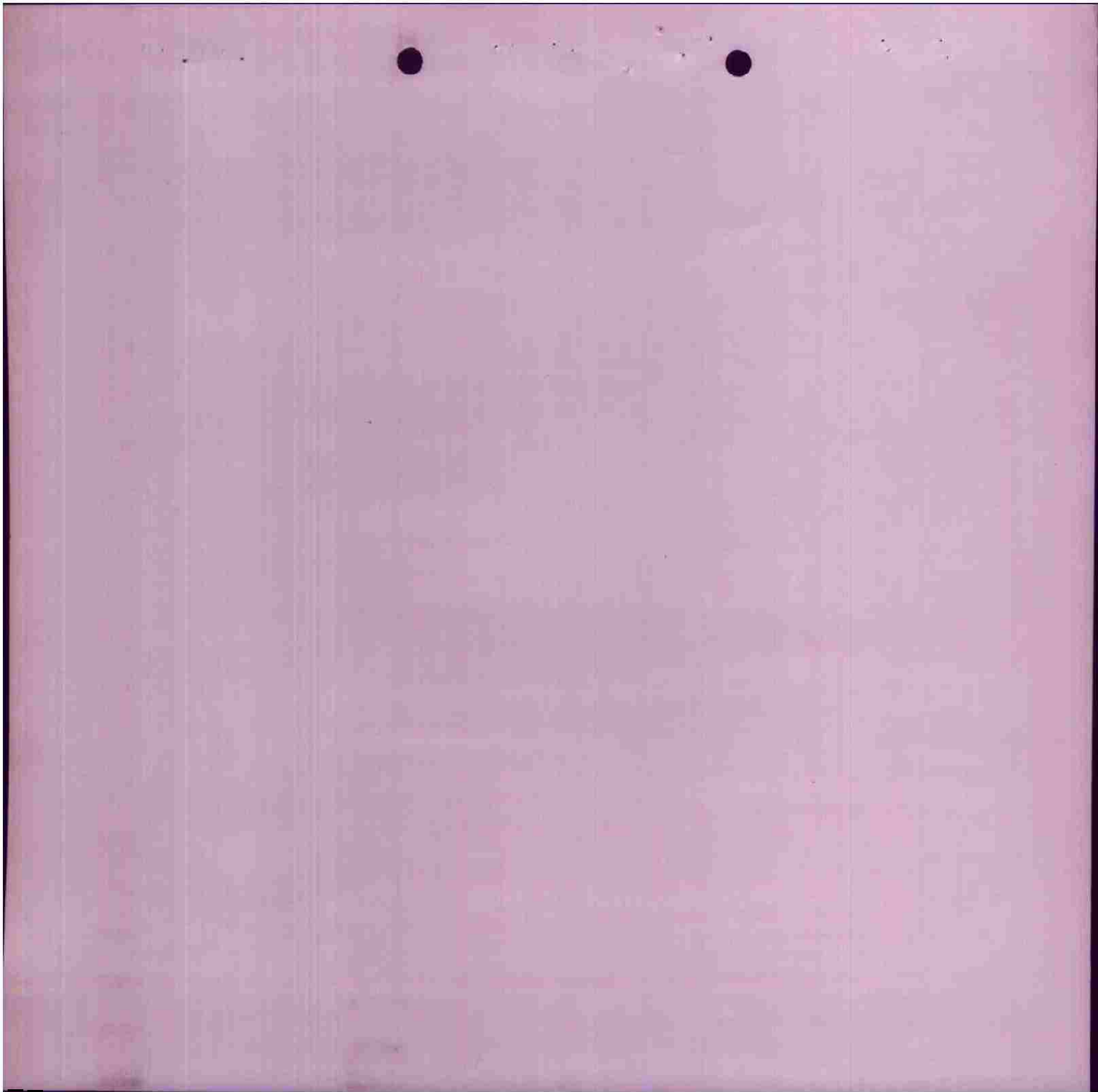




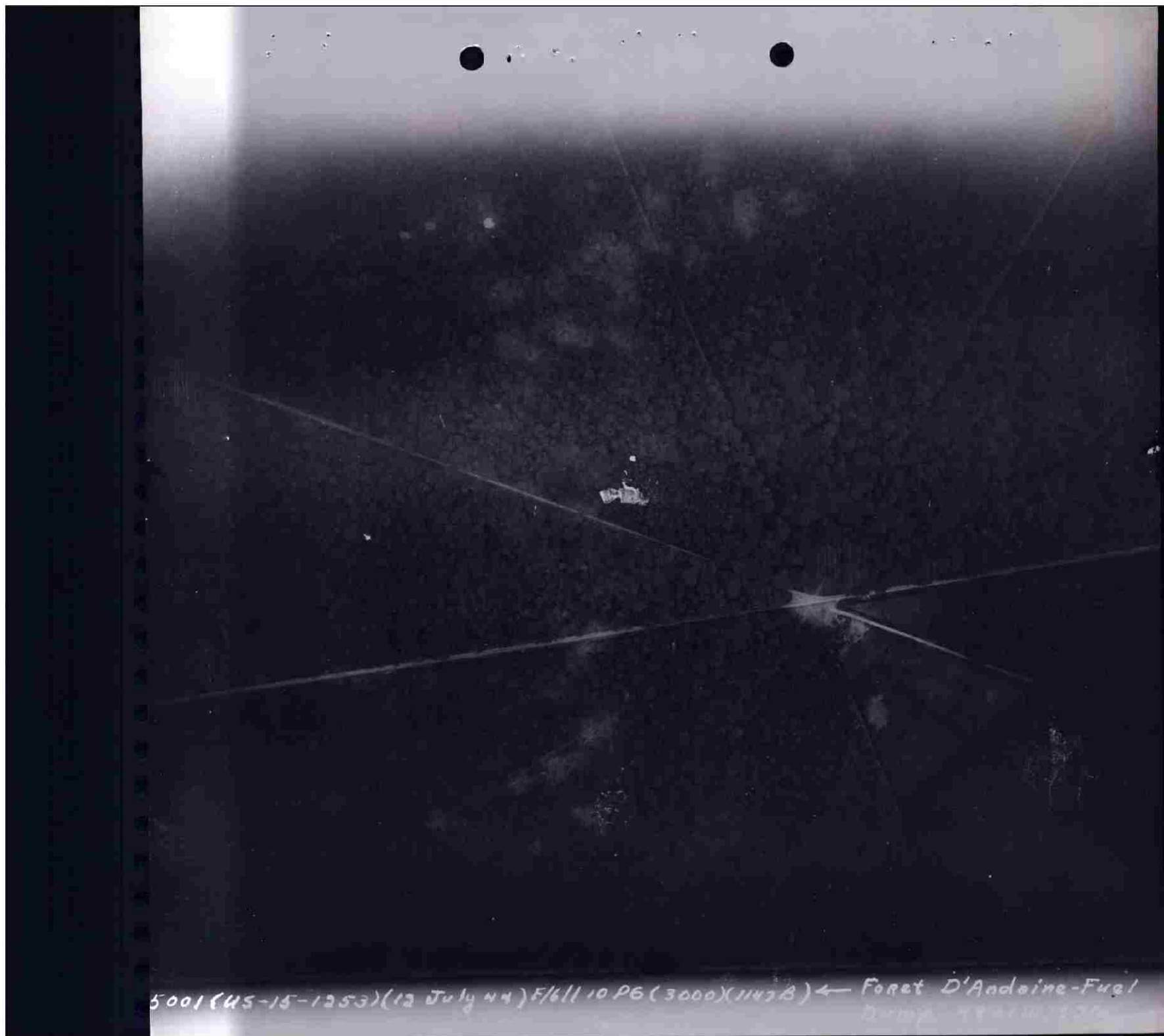




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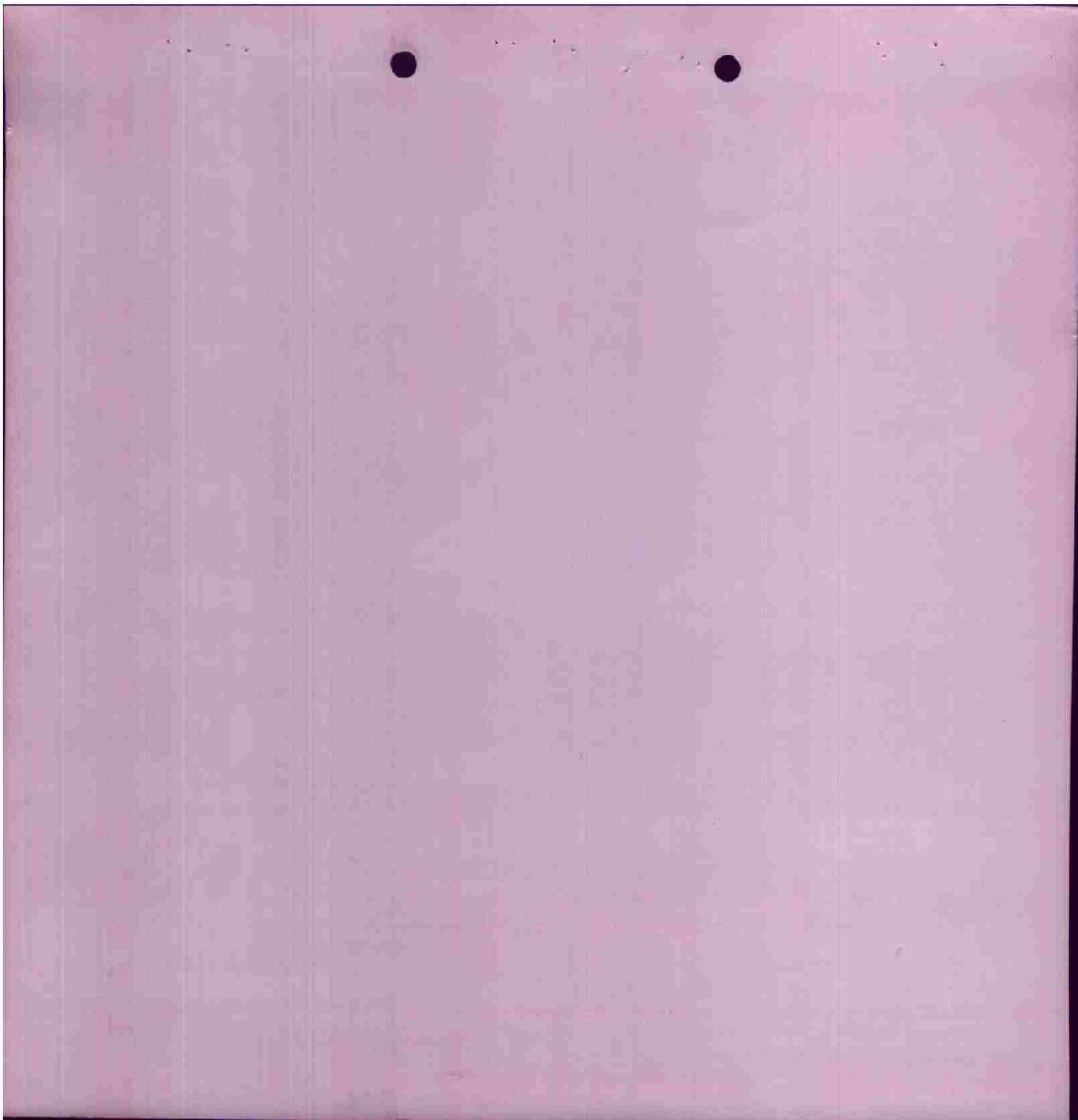


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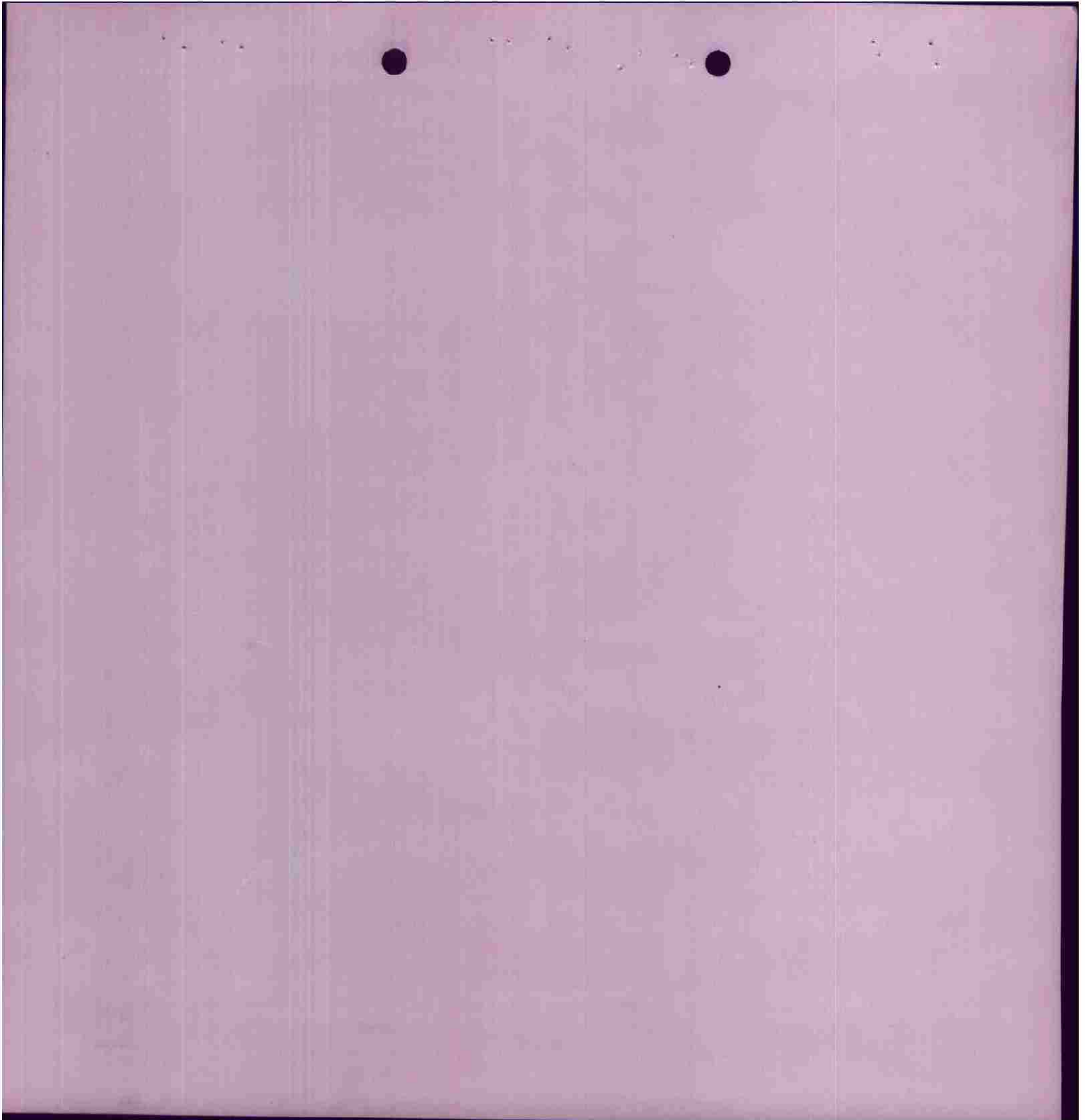
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Dump 4801W193/2



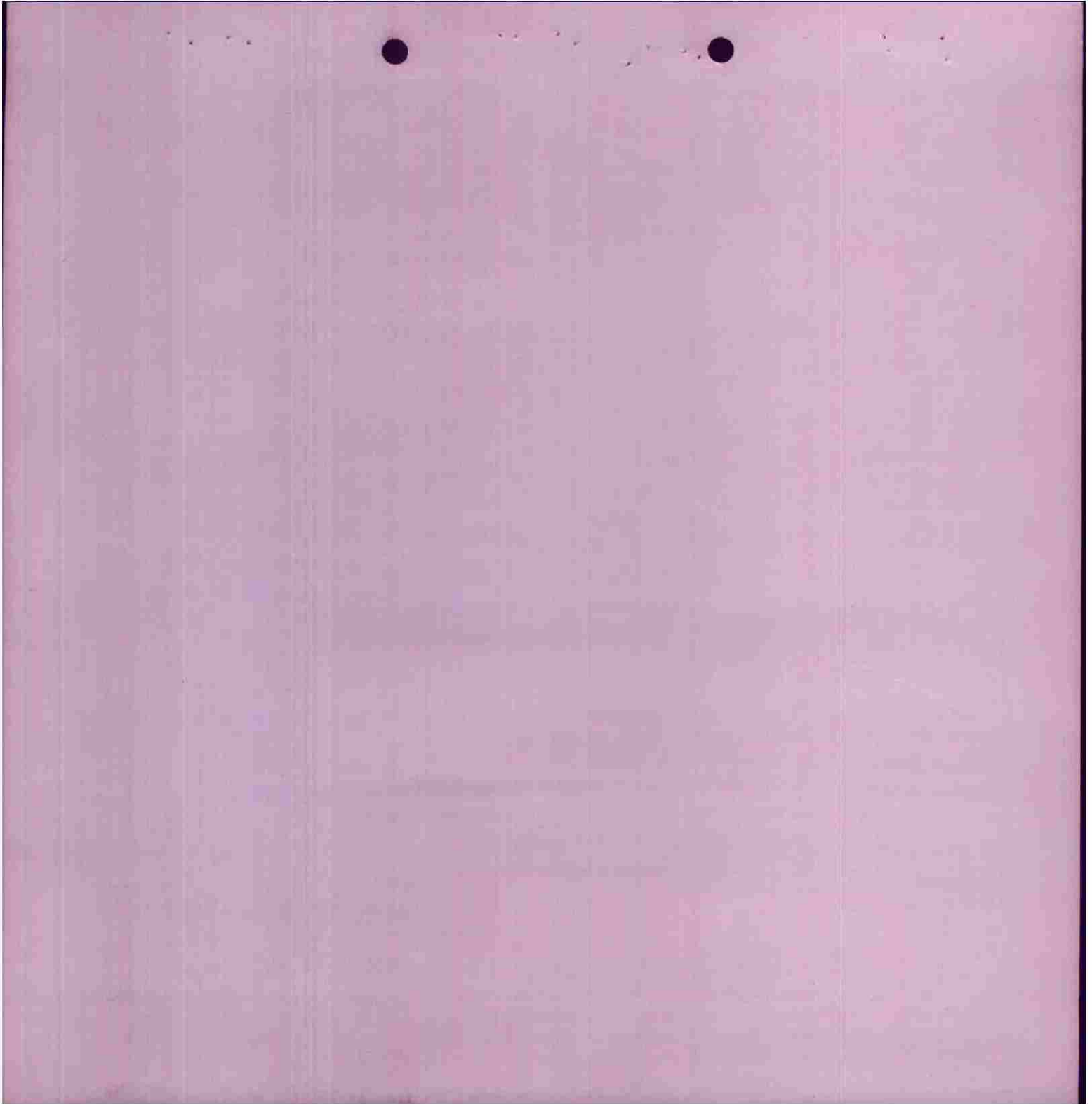
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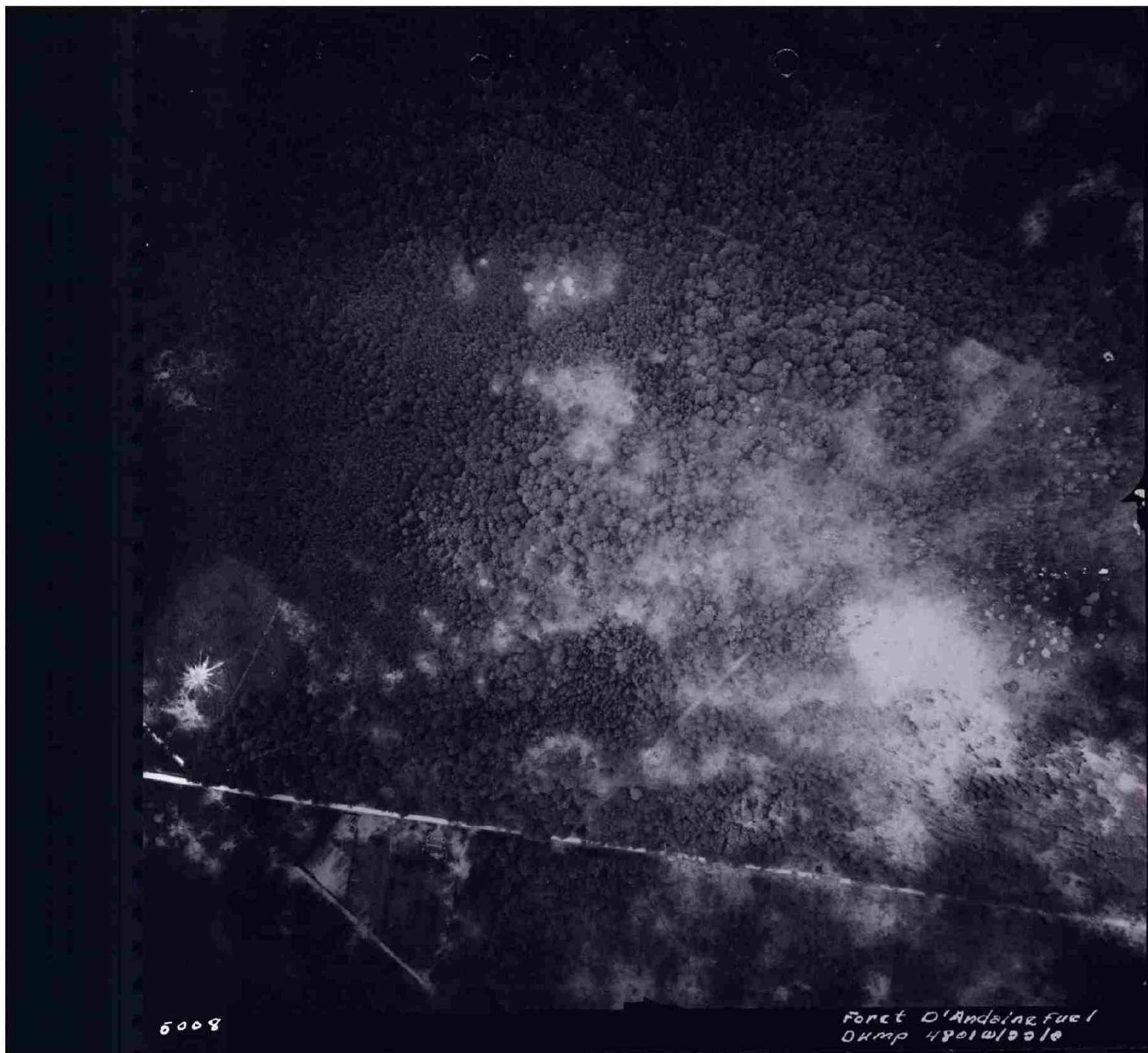


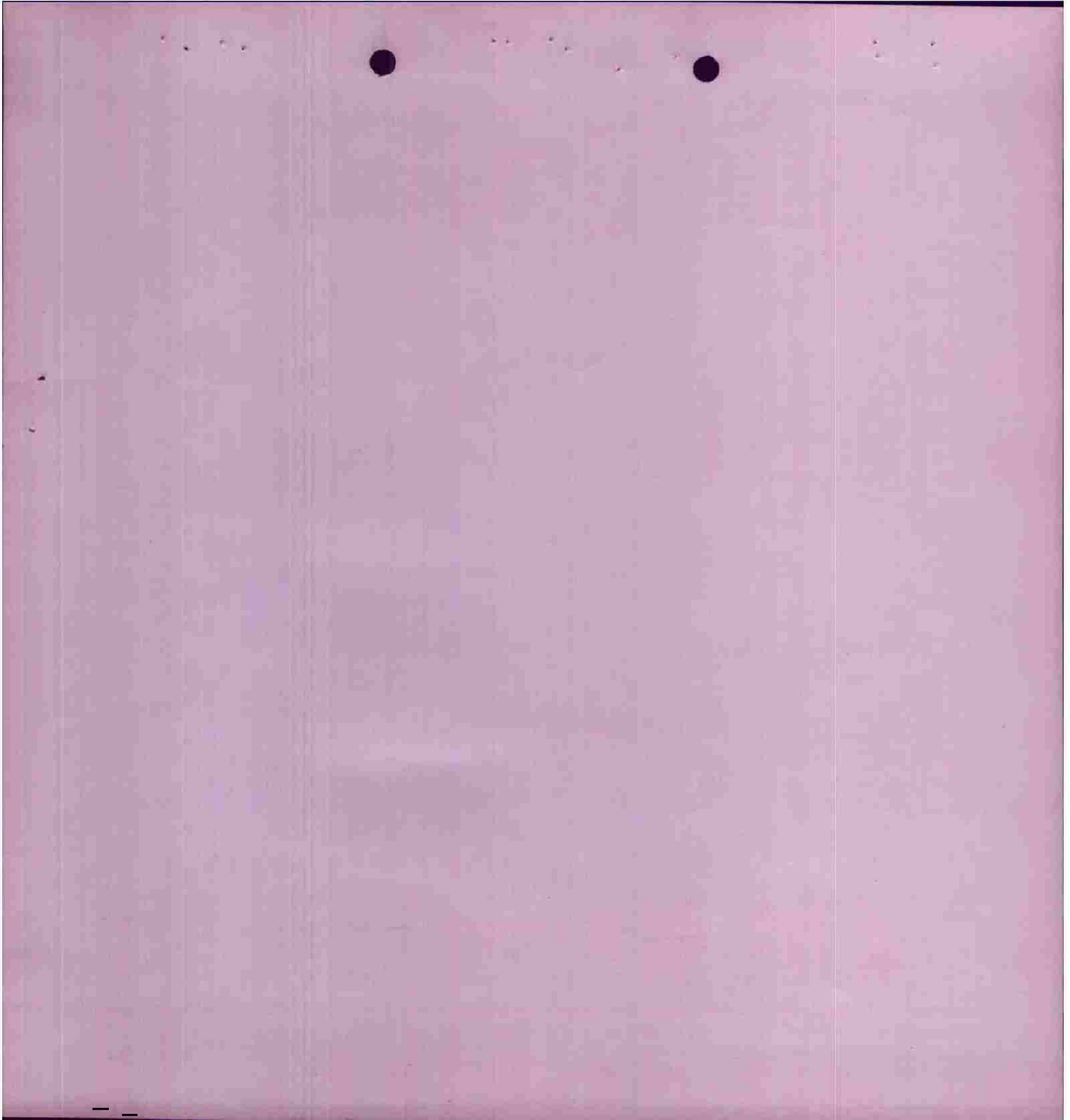
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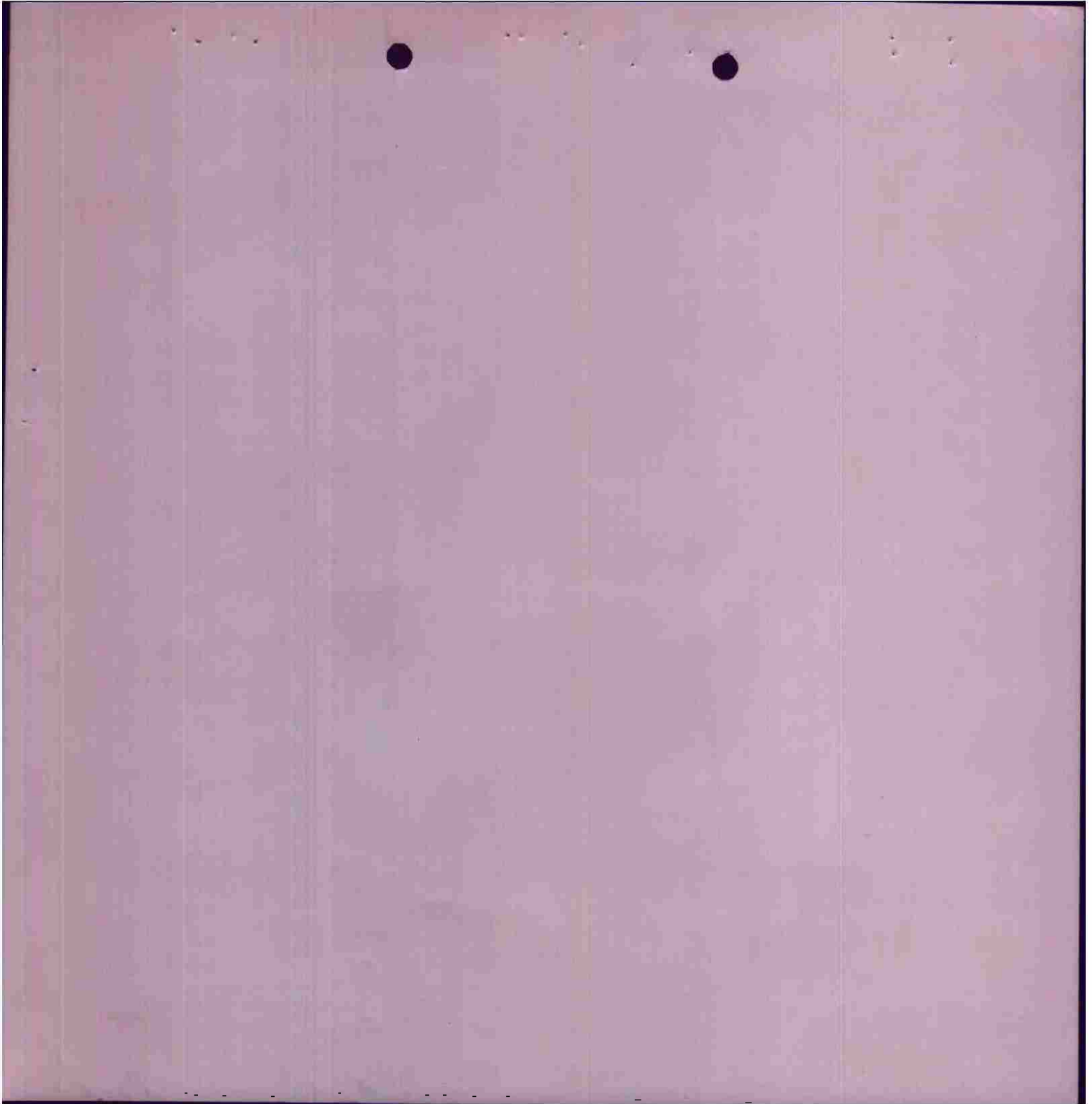












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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING: 14/1600B
TO 409TH BOMB GROUP
410TH BOMB GROUP
416TH BOMB GROUP

PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL BT

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING.
JULY 14-1944 Y-0074-P

FIRST PHASE REPORT

A. US 15/1253 TPR SORTIE 1147B 12 JULY 44. 10GP

B. FUEL DUMP-FORT D'ANDAIN 21/22A PRINTS 5001-5008

1. SEEN ON HAZY PRINTS. NO STERIO COVERAGE ON EAST (1/3) OF TARGET AREA.
2. CONCENTRATION OF ATTACK IN WEST HALF OF TARGET AREA, WHERE BOMBS HAVE UPROOTED TREES AND CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE TO AREA. OTHER CRATERS SCATTERED THROUGH TARGET AREA, AND ALSO IN FOREST AREA WEST OF TARGET.

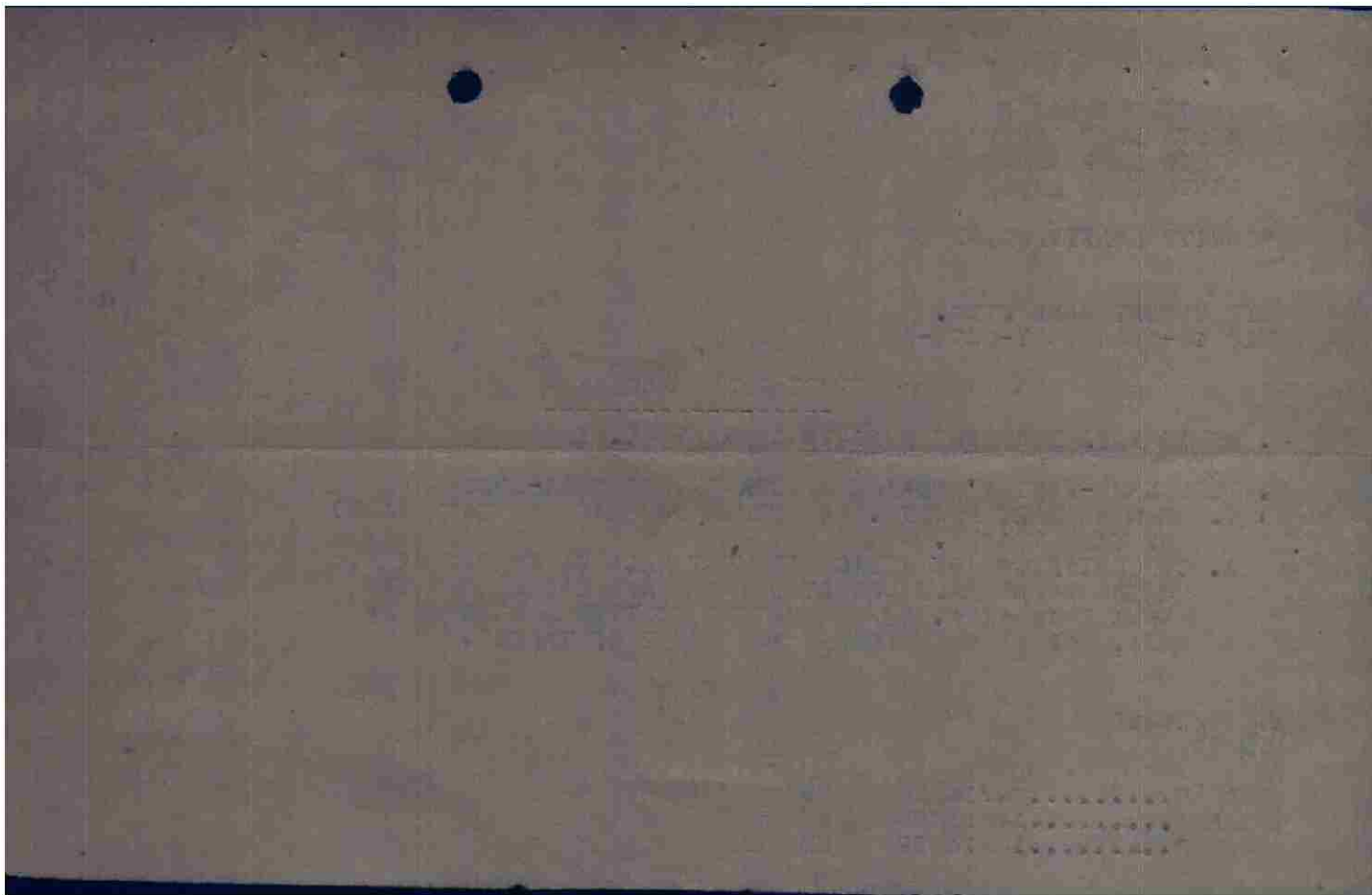
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BT 14/1600B
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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L)

12/1539B

Y222D

TO HQ NINTH AIR FORCE
HQ IX BOMBERCOMMAND
HQ 97TH COMBAT WING
SECRET QGX

ATT: A-2

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FIRST PHASE REPORT S/A PHOTOS

12/7/44

A. FORET D'ANDAINNE FUEL DUMP

B. SAME AS A

K. NO PHOTO COVERAGE DUE TO 10/10 CLOUD COVERS

BT 12/1539B

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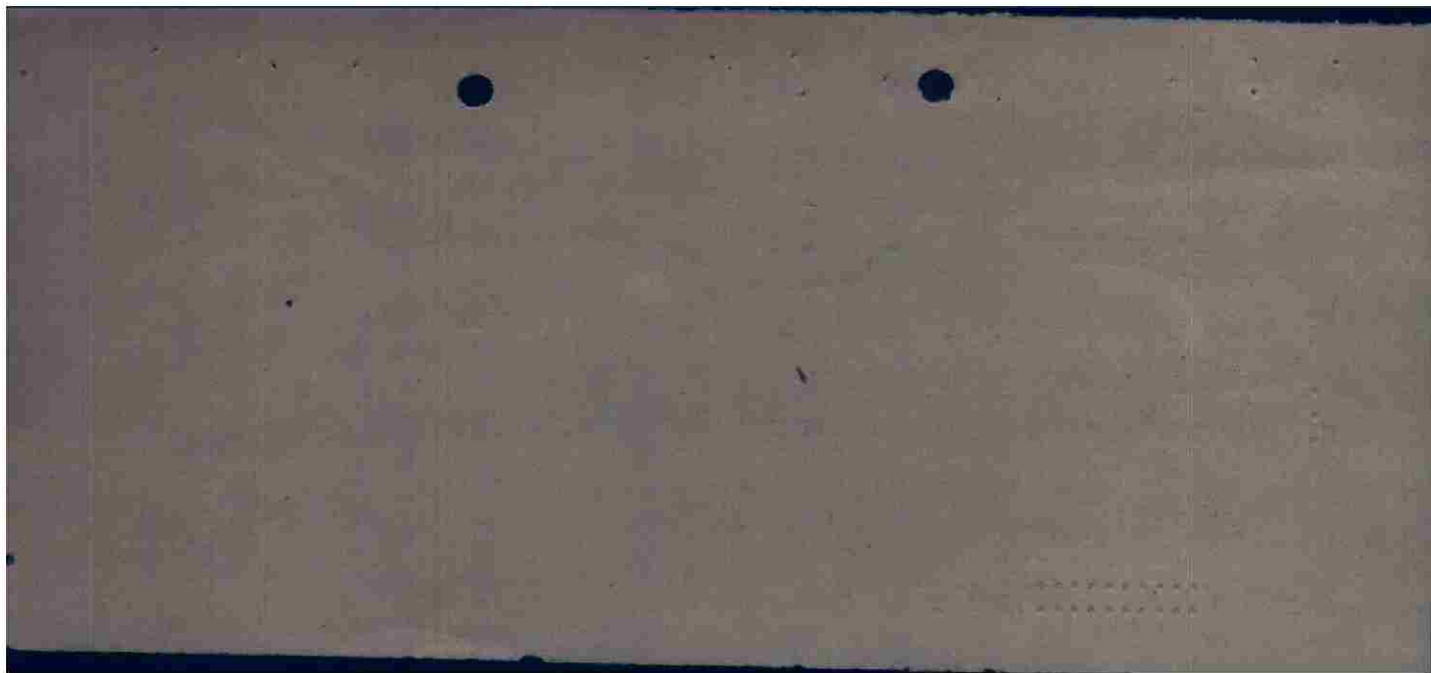
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 11/1330B

TO 409TH BOMB GROUP

416TH BOMB GROUP

410TH BOMB GROUP

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT

SECRET SENT IN THE CLEAR AUTH LT. COL. MC AFEE

ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER:

ADVANCE COPY OF SIGNALS TO F.O.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

(2) MACHINE

(3) WAYMAN

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) LADYMAN

(3) CHOPPER

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(2) YAMTREE

(3) HODDY

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(3) 4A 10B 6C 7D 8E, 5F, 11G 13H 16I

(10) ATBV/ATBV

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BT 11/1330N

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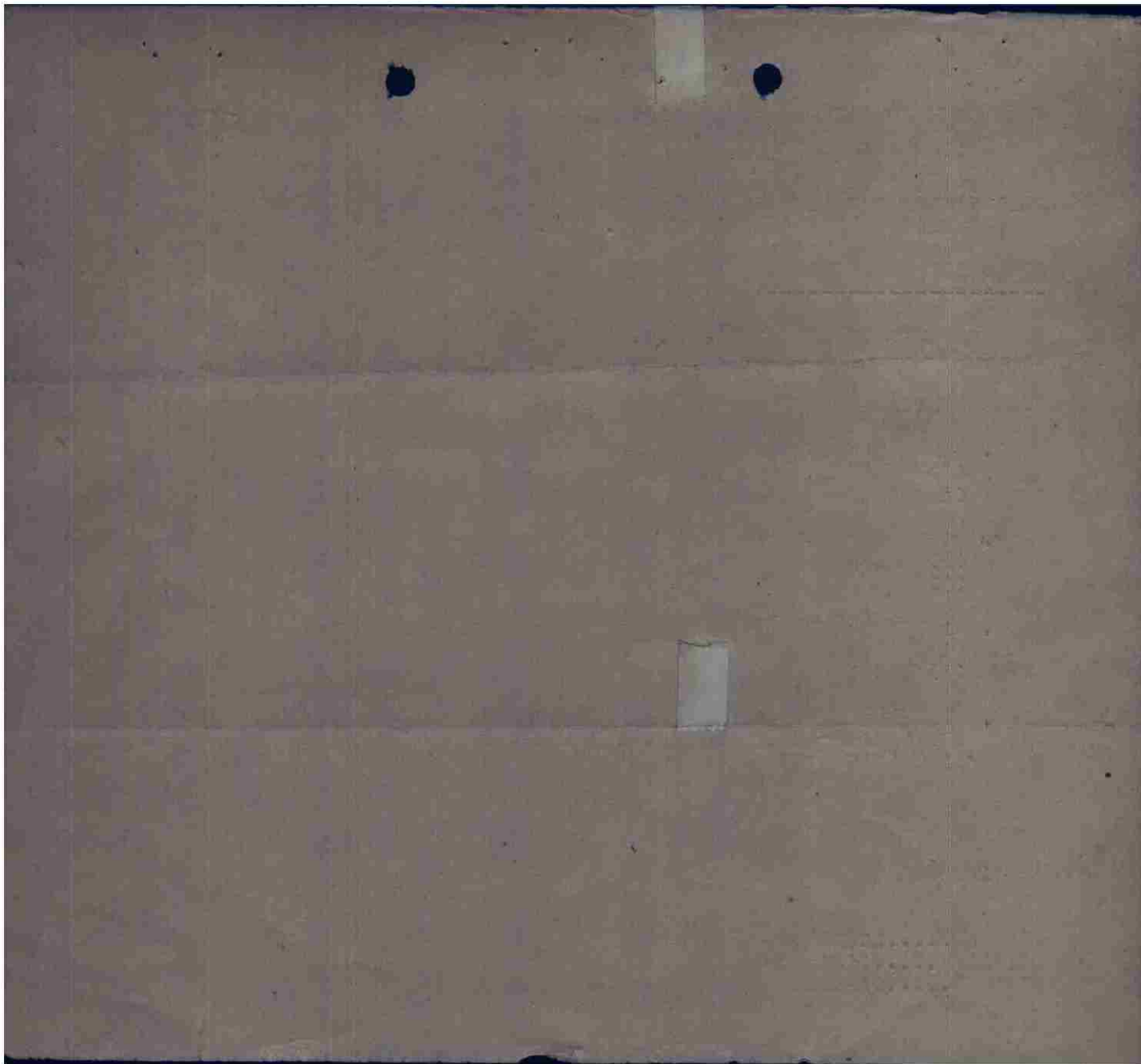
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FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING Y-57-E 12/0345B
 TO COMBOMCOM IX
 409TH BOMB GROUP (INFO)
 410TH BOMB GROUP
 416TH BOMB GROUP
 1ST PROV PATH FINDER

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT
 SECRET SEND IN CLEAR AUTH. LT. COL. MC AFEE

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
 APO 140
 12/JULY/44

FIELD ORDER NO. 122-422

MAPS: NORMAL

1. B. (2) NINTH FIGHTER COMMAND WILL FURNISH P-47 ESCORT FOR THIS WING.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK A MILITARY OBJECTIVE IN FRANCE WITH P.F.F. A/C.

ZERO HOUR: 12/0900B

3. A. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTERS AT DUNCENESS AT 10,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 40 MIN.

(12) TIME OVER TARGET: 1ST BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 90 MIN.
 2ND BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 91 MIN.

B. 416TH BOMB GROUP

(3) WITH FIGHTER AT DUNCENESS AT 10,000 FT. AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 25 MIN.

M (12) TIME OVER TARGET: 1ST BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 75 MIN.
 M 2ND BOX ZERO HOUR PLUS 76 MIN.

X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE

(5) TARGET 4801W/H/1

(6) A/C REQUIRED 2 BOXES OF 15 A/C

(7) ROUTE OUT BASE TO MANSTON TO DUNCENESS TO 49 DEG. 52 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 42 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 10 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 48 MIN. EAST TO 48 DEG. 59 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 26 MIN. EAST TO TARGET.

(8) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN RIGHT TO 49 DEG. 00 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 15 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 17 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 04 MIN. WEST TO WORTHING TO MAIDENSHEAD TO BASE.

(9) ALT: 1ST BOX BOMB AT 12,500
 2ND BOX BOMB AT 12,000
 LEAVE ENEMY COAST AT 11,000 FEET.

(10) M.P.I. ILL. 4801W/22 REF: 093042
 (FOR VISUAL BOMBING ONLY)

(11) BOMB LOAD: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.

(12) EACH GROUP WILL RENDEZVOUS WITH PFF A/C OVER THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

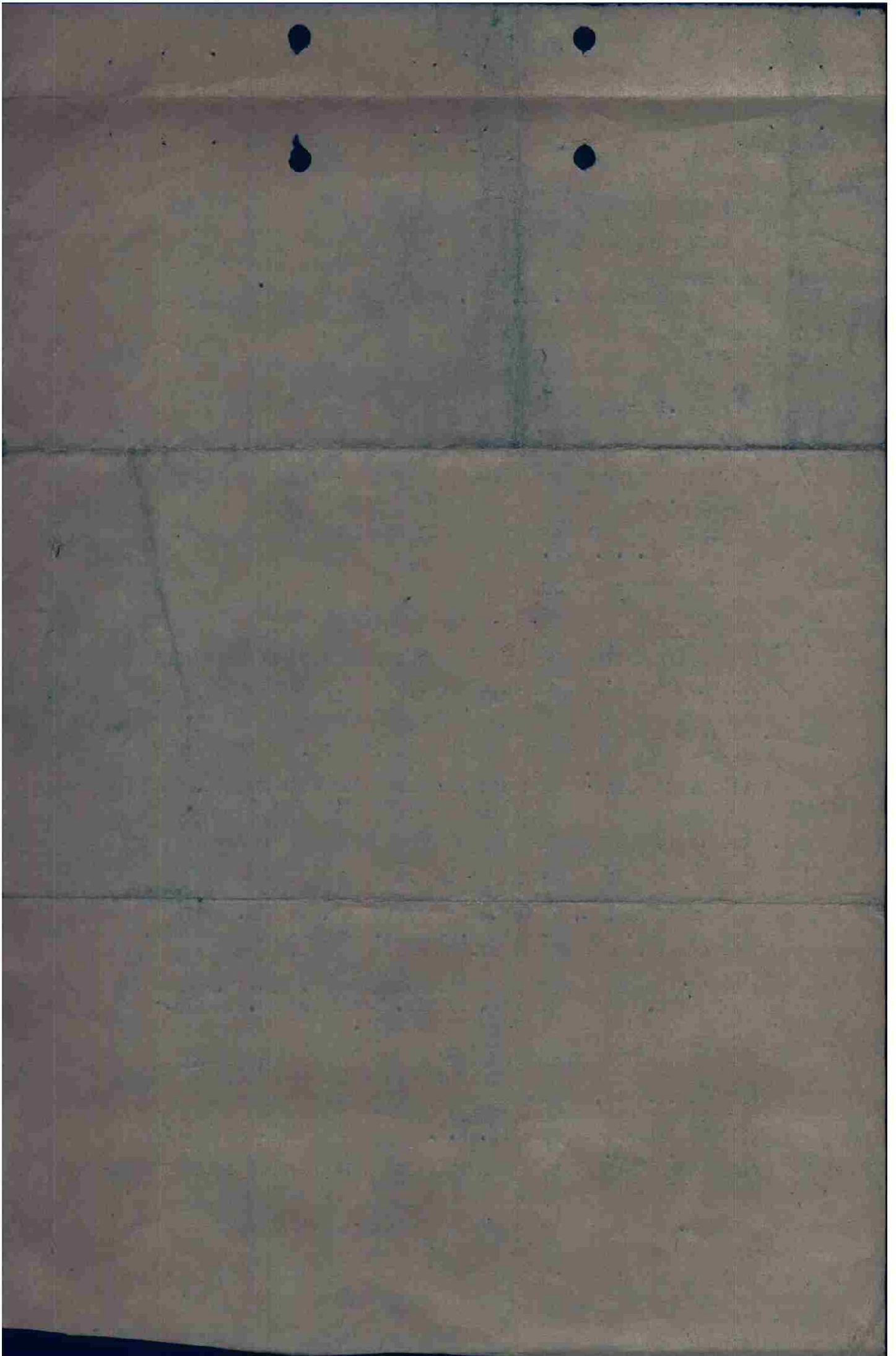
4. NO CHANGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS:

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

(2) CALLUS

(3) ANGELA



C. 416TH BOMB GROUP
(2) BROADLONG
(3) WAYMAN

X. GENERAL INFORMATION

(3) 3A, 4B, 6C, 5D, 7E, 8F, 13G, 11H, 16I

(10) TABV/TABV

(11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL
"C" WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA.

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BT 12/0345B

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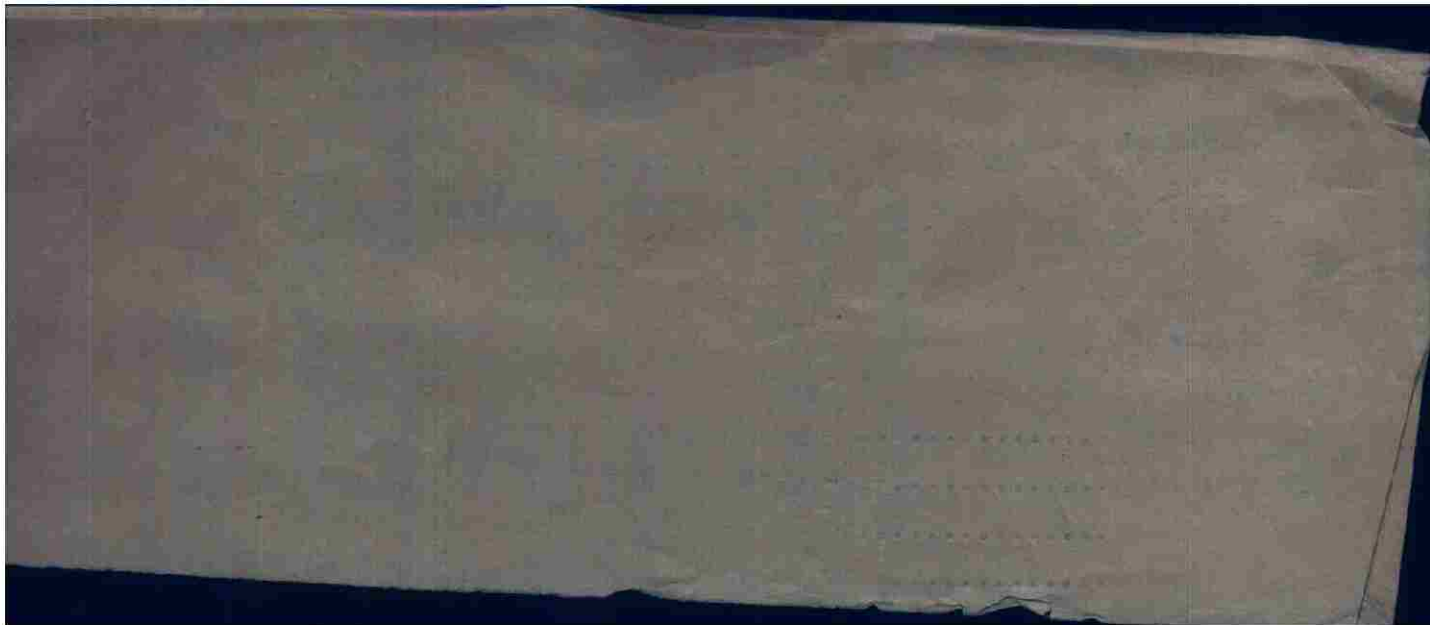
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OICOG OILAI R..... 12/0409B AT AR

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Box I

FLIGHT 1.

1. 914 X
Major D. L. Willetts
Lt. P. G. Royalty
T/S F H Larronde
2. 135 T
Capt M J Huff
Lt J Kupits
Sgt. R A Clark
Sgt. F P Rasford
3. 951 P
Lt R H MILLER
S/S R G Schrom
S/S J Galender

FLIGHT II

1. 750 M
Lt W B Ostrander
S/S J E Wilson
S/S I Binney
2. 209 K
Lt C R Calkins
Sgt. B R Wilson
S/S C L Shaw
3. 200 A
Lt N G Brown
S/S H E White
S/S R F Addleman
4. 224 E
Lt W J Greene
S/S J A Ochaba
S/S W F Colbert

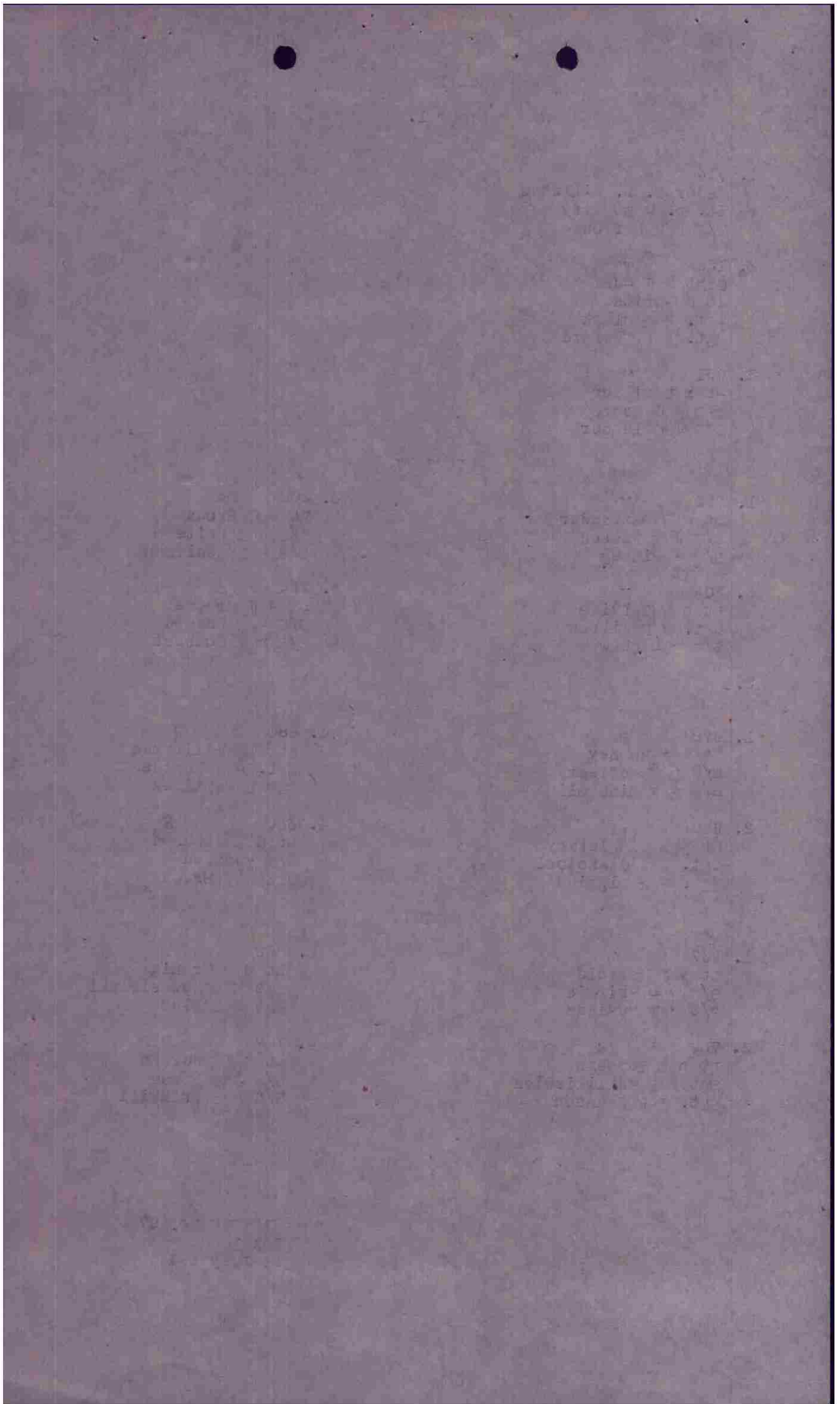
FLIGHT III

1. 978 E
Lt R J Rooney
S/S F W McCleary
S/S S F Dinapoli
2. 689 I
Lt R B Singletary
Sgt. A A Gienciosi
Sgt. W A Wiggins
3. 680 R
Lt J P Hillerman
Sgt. E F Paulem
SGT L Martinez
4. 380 N
Lt E L Johnson
S/S Donahue
S/S M R Brayn

FLIGHT IV

1. 207 B
Lt F J Harrold
S/S E L Griffin
S/S C W Maziasz
2. 759 G
Lt D T Sommers
Sgt S R Zaklikiewicz
Sgt. J LL Johnson
3. 892 L
Lt D B Grunig
Sgt M E Nowosielski
Sgt M E Dias
4. 387 H
Lt C L McGlohn
S/S J W Moran
S/S P B Drinkill

MISSION NO. 97
Box I
12 July 1944



Box II

FLIGHT I

1. 1711 S
Lt L A Warzolf
Lt J T Beck
S/S E Wellin
S/S L G Kutzer
2. 640 Z
Lt J F Weagher
Lt J J Burg
T/S L G Robbins
S/S D H Simpson
3. 956 Z-1
Lt R C Morehouse
S/S L A Zygiel
S/S A J Burgess

FLIGHT II

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 363 L
Lt J D Adams
S/S A J Zeikus
S/S P L Clearman 2. 220 E
Lt D L Withington
Sgt. L D McElhattan
Sgt C F Huss 3. 9711 M
Lt W H Ames
Sgt H S Fessler | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. 221 F
Lt W A Merchant
S/S K P Brown
S/S C J Harp |
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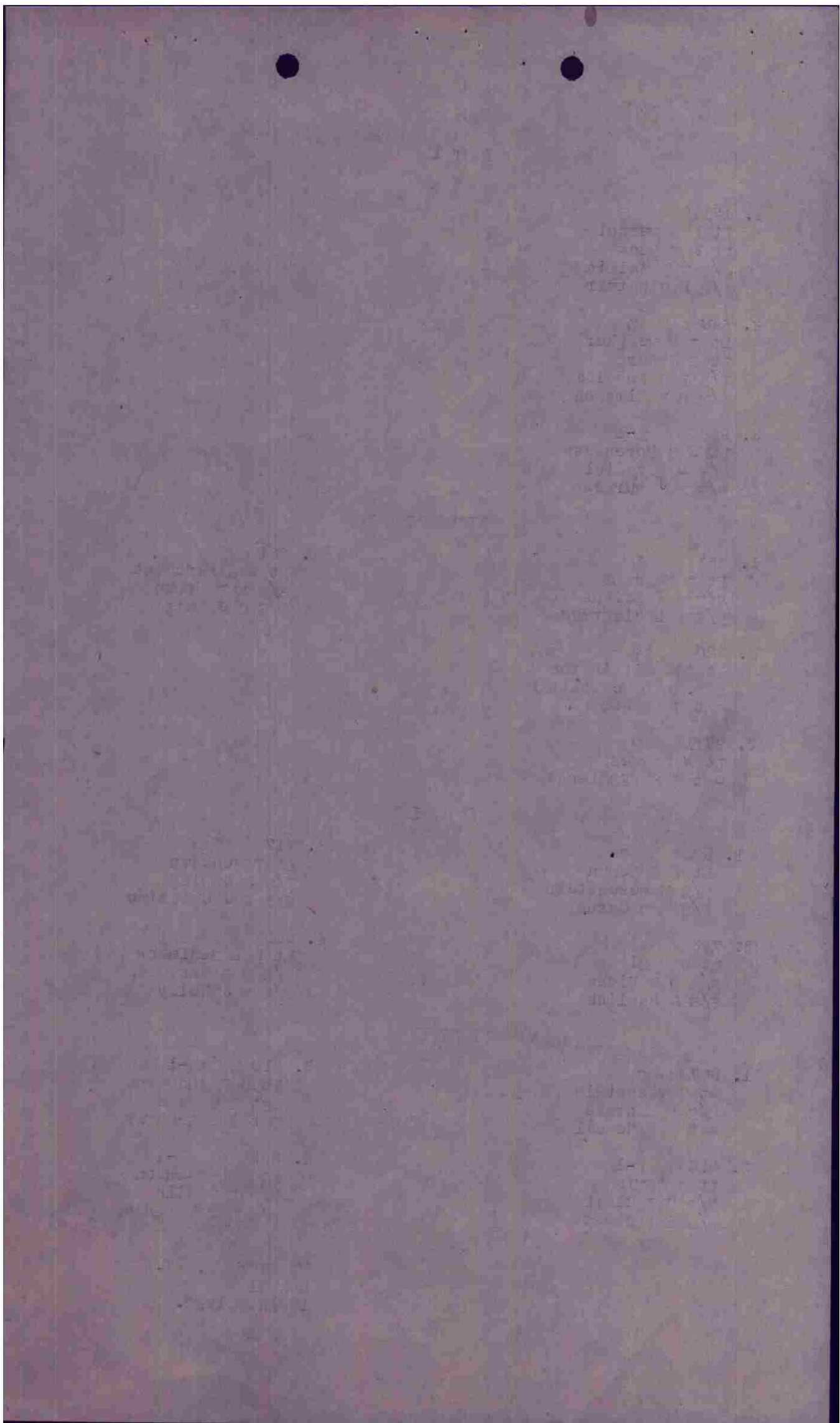
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Lt E E Demun
S/S M Rosenstein
S/S H O Carney 2. 743 W
Lt W C Siggs
S/S R W Nicks
S/S N Radlich | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 717 N
Lt T Boukamp
S/S J S Wing
S/S R J Colosimo 4. 900 Q
Lt R L Behlmer
S/S W G Ferguson
T/S W J Kelly |
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FLIGHT IV

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 907 O
Lt G Ebenstein
S/S D Hantske
sgt S P Newell 2. 226 E-1
Lt C C Wish
S/S C J Clark
S/S R F Chustz | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 210 mq-1
Lt C J Anderson
Sgt T G Euga
Sgt E L Schafer 4. 362 L-1
Lt R R Svenson
S/S P G Fild
S/S G E Pfennig |
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MISSION NO. 97.
Box II
12 July 1944.



USAAF FORM 34A

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AUTH: CO STA

DATE: 13 July 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

TO:

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 103 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 12 July 1944
Mission or Operation No. 97 97th CG PO 123-422

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Forest D'Andaine Fuel Dump
Place of take-off AAF Station 170
Place of landing AAF Station 170
Take-off time 0820 Landing time 1158
Time over target 1011 1/2 Bombing Altitude 12,100 - 12,700 feet
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Over target and elsewhere - 10/10 low clouds, tops to 6000 feet.
Results Unobserved.
Enemy opposition None.

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 26 A-200
4 A-203
2 B-26 (over a/c)
2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
26 A-200 Forest D'Andaine Fuel Dump
4 A-203 Forest D'Andaine Fuel Dump
3. Abortive due to:
 - (1) Weather: None
 - (2) Personnel: None
 - (3) Mechanical: None
 - (4) Other: None
4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None
5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known
6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known
7. Damaged (give category & cause) None
8. Sorties 26 A-200
4 A-203

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USAF FORM 374 (Rev. 4-54)

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1. Total operational flying hours

2. Day (Sunrise to sunset)

3. Night (Sunset to sunrise)

4. Ammunition by caliber:

5. Total carried into air

6. Expended on operations

7. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

8. Bombs, flares, etc. used:

9. Total carried into air

10. Expended on operations (List targets separately)

11. Attached

12. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c

13. Total Returned

14. Own Personnel Casualties:

15. Type of Casualty

16. Pilot

17. Co-pilot

18. Nav

19. Bomb

20. R. Gun

21. E. Gun

22. T. Gun

23. Killed in action

24. Missing in action

25. Seriously Wounded

26. Slightly Wounded

27. Killed

28. Destroyed

29. Prob. Destroyed

30. Damaged

31. For the Commanding Officer:

32. GEORGE SCHWARTZ, Captain, Air Corps, Adjutant.

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
416th Bomb Group (B)
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

140
10 July 1944

SUBJECT: Interrogation report

TO: Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX
Bombardment Group, 140, B-29 Superfortress

BASE AT DARTMOUTH: Overcast of stratocumulus at 2000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

SOUTH COAST: 10/10 stratocumulus over entire area with base 2000 feet and tops to 5000 feet. Visibility 10 miles. Clouds were 10 miles plus above clouds.

TARGET: Overcast of stratocumulus with tops estimated 5000 feet.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except base of clouds over the channel were at 2000 feet and tops were at 5000 feet. Over England the bases were at 2000 feet.

BASE ON RETURN: 5/10 stratocumulus at 2000 feet with 10/10 at 4000 feet. Visibility 5 miles.

WIND: As forecast.

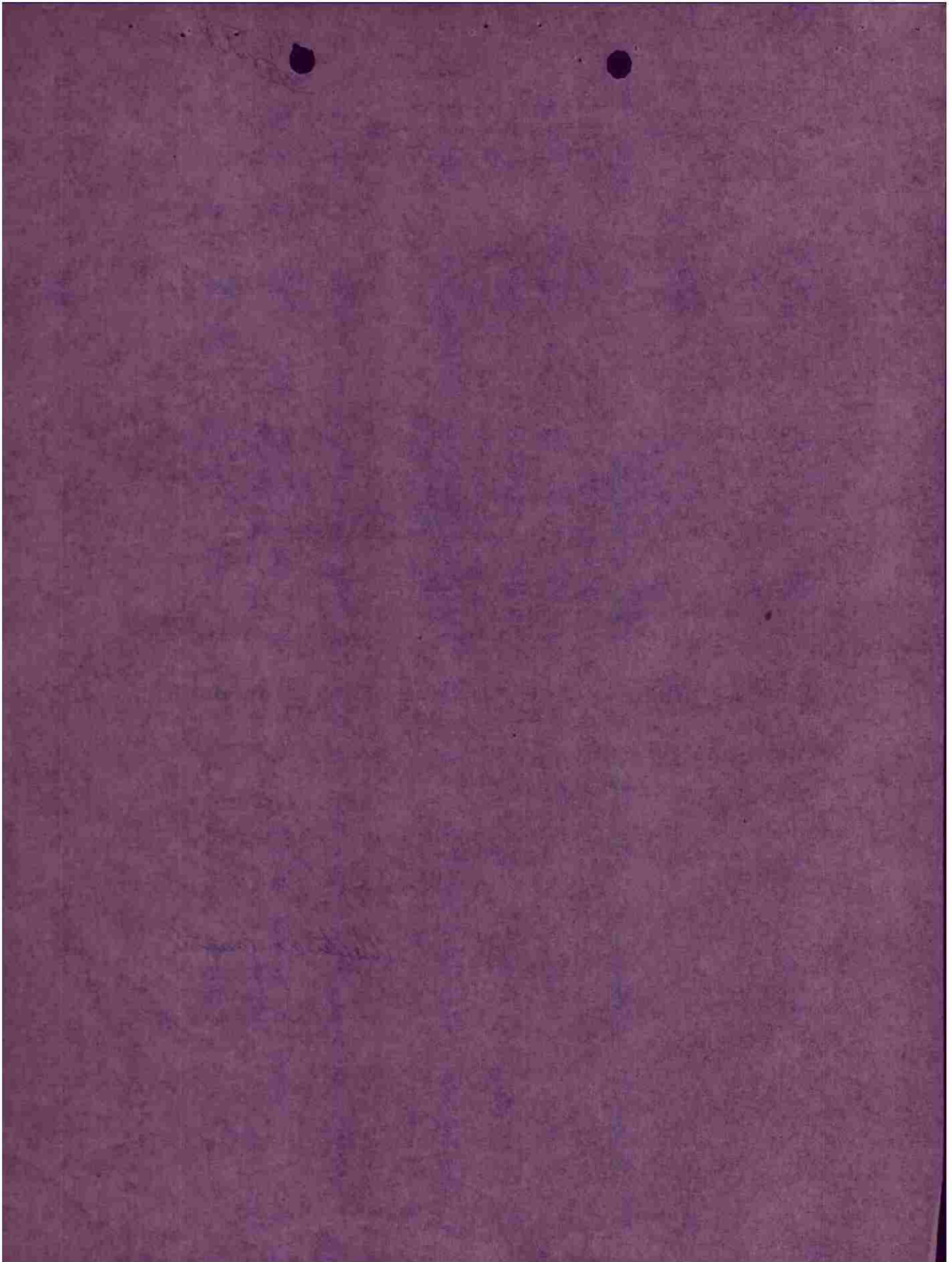
TIME OVER TARGET: 1411

REMARKS: Bombs were dropped on Pathfinder then solid overcast.

Walter D. Castle

WALTER D. CASTLE
1st Lt. Air Corps
Group Weather Officer

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S-2
FROM: COBOMGR 416

TO : COCBTWIG 97 ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 93

B - 12 JULY 1944

C - 32 A/C

D - 670 B - RADIO COMPASS LEFT-RIGHT INDICATOR NOT INDICATING.
REPLACED WEAK TUBE AND CHECKED OKAY.

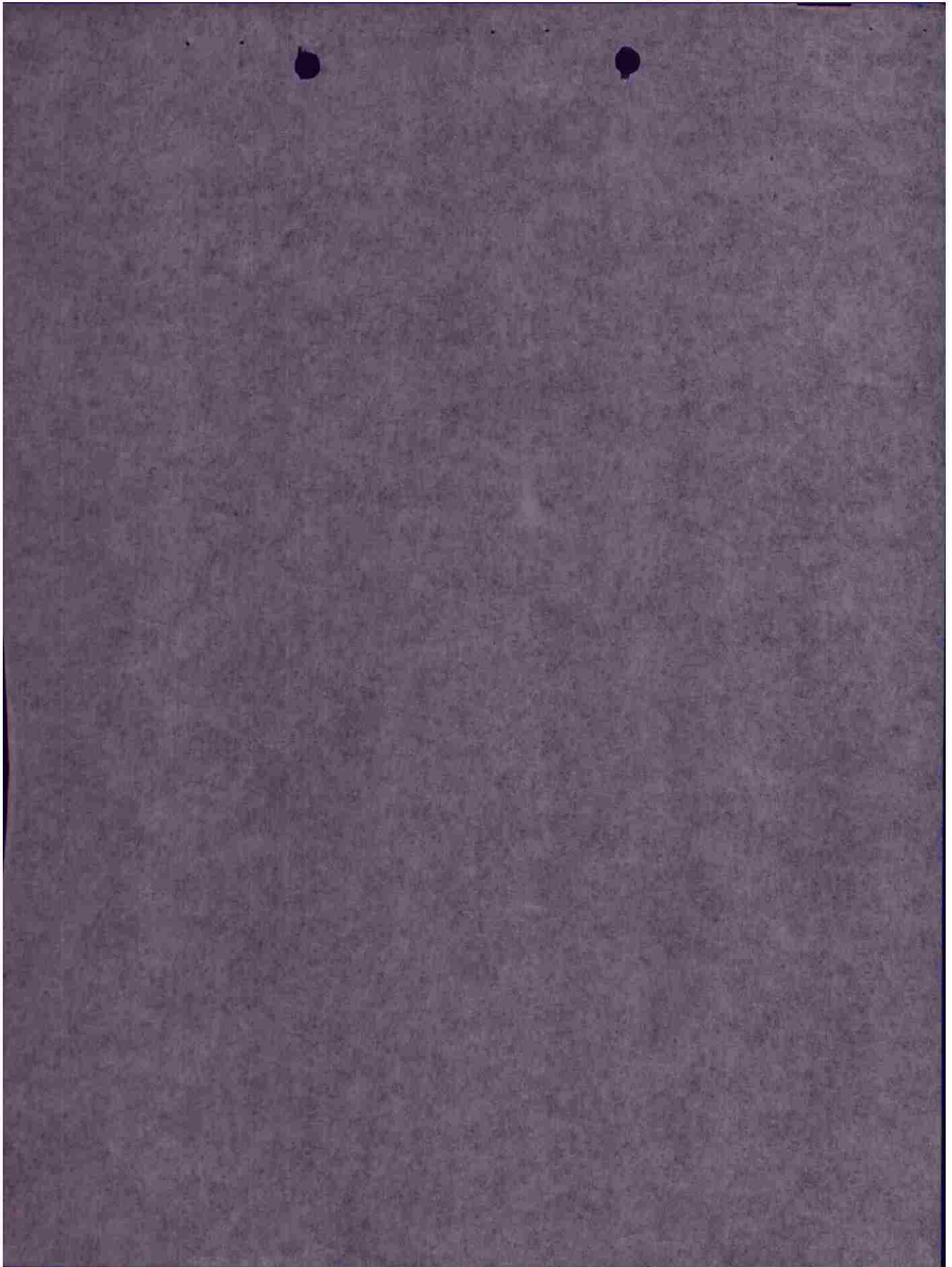
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F - NONE.

MADE COBOMGR 416

OFFICIAL:

DANIEL J. NOLAN,
1ST LT, AIR CORPS,
SIG O.



Box #	OPSTL	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader															
#	96	12/7/44				May Wulfsberg															
A/C	Rel to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	Target	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.														
Pos. No.	Reason	P	S	O	P	S	T	R	M	D	A	A	C	B	E	D	P	D	K	V	M
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T/O 15 min.
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L/D 1858

Wulfsberg
914
Miller 951
Huff 135

Flight I

Flight IV
Harwood 207
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M. S. Miller 759
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Flight III

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Flight II

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Hillman 689

Bennett 200

Carlson 209

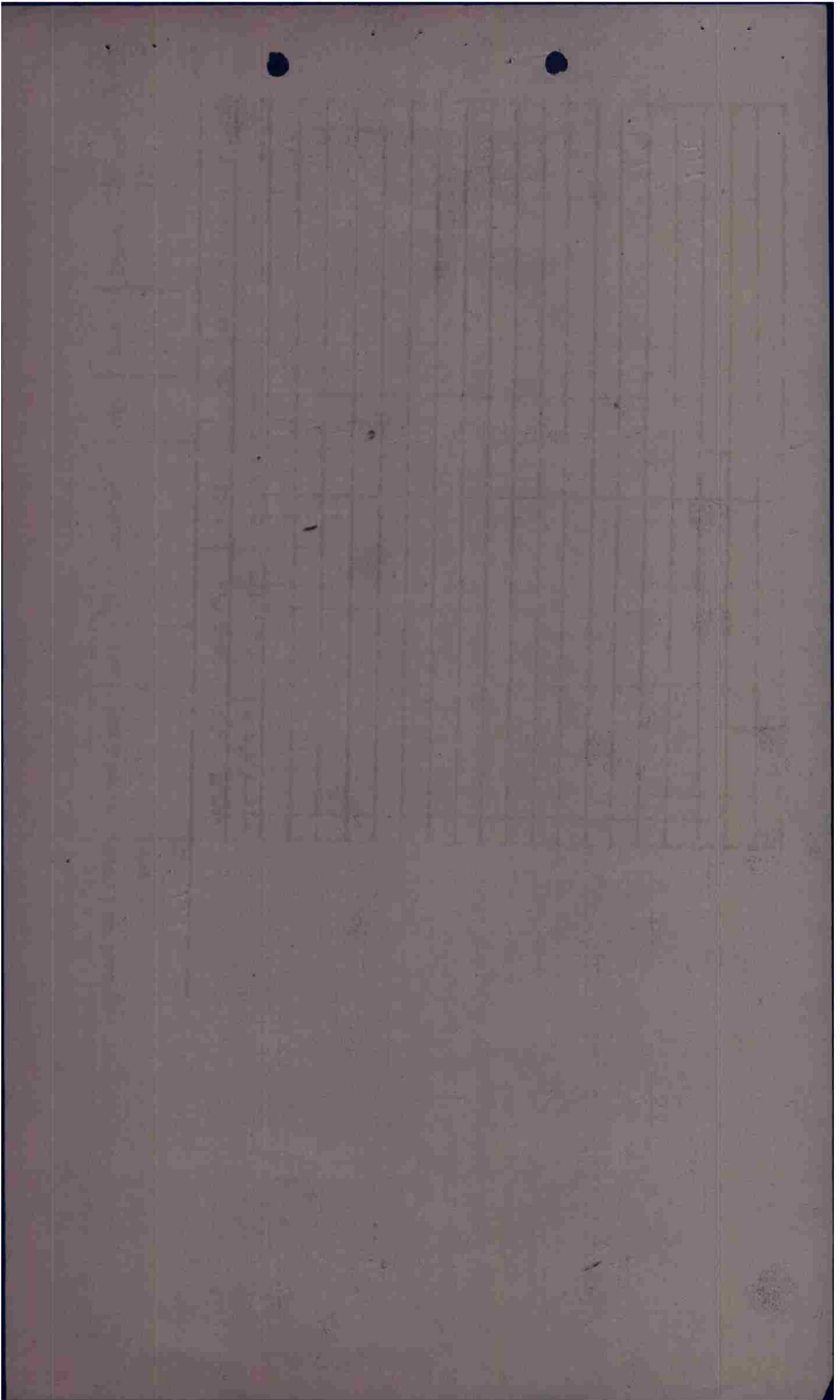
Johnson 380

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spare
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Fast down - 1158



Box #	Opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.
II	96	12-7-44					TOT	
							L/D	
A/C	Fail to Bomb	ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dam	E/A	Pers.		
No.	Reason	F S O	F S J T R	M D A A C B E D P D K W M				
1	1211		6					
2	640		4					
3	956		6					
1	363		4					
2	220		4					
3	9911		4					
4	221		4					
1	929		6					
2	743		4					
4	717		4					
4	968		6					
1	907		4					
2	226		6					
3	210		6					
4	362		4					
4	937	spare						

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Flight IV
Blondin
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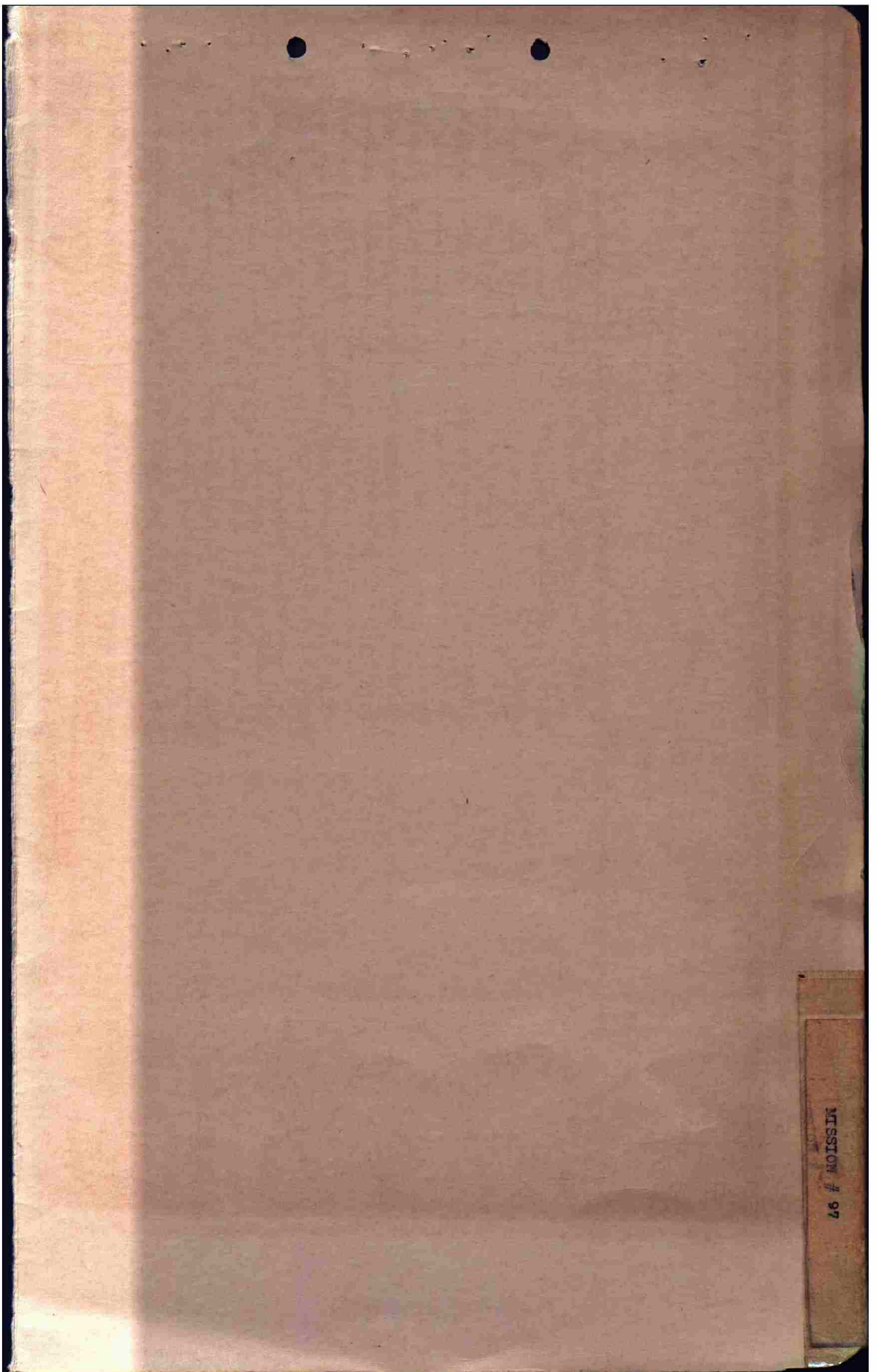
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1698 out ship
" " return

30- A-20 Bombed
441-50016 Bombs dropped

1- " " Returned

T.O. 0820

Down 1158



MISSION # 97

